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Togiak Herring Announcement 4

This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding the Togiak herring fishery.

The fishery is currently underway and some purse seine harvest has been reported, but for now that information is confidential. Due to concerns about the weather, we need to adjust fishing area so both gear groups have opportunity.

Effective at 1:00 p.m. the eastern section of the open purse seine area is reduced from Right Hand Point to a line perpendicular to the shore at 58° 50.50' north latitude. The purse seine fishery is also extended 24 hours from 10:00 p.m. May 17, until 10:00 p.m. May 18.

Effective at 2:00 p.m. the open area for the gillnet fleet will be increased to include some area west of Right Hand Point. The new boundary is a line extending perpendicular from shore at 58° 50.50' north latitude. This is approximately the point just south of the small mud bay in Nunavachak Bay. Gillnet fishing is also restricted to east of 160° 00.05' west longitude, approximately one mile from the shore in the new area.

Fishermen are reminded that there has been no test fishing and we suggest testing with a small amount of net before gear is fully deployed.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham.